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Fifth Air Force celebrates JASDF 300th Freedom Lift mission

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Headquarters Fifth Air Force will celebrate the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's 300th airlift mission in support of Operation Freedom Lift, during a ceremony February 9. A JASDF C-1 aircraft and crew will land here, upload cargo and depart as part of the celebratory mission.

The JASDF began participating in Operation Freedom Lift in November 2001 by routinely airlifting needed supplies and personnel in support of the coalition against terrorism. JASDF C-130 and C-1 missions have supported coalition forces outside of Japan. Their assistance is invaluable and will continue to be needed.

JASDF and United States Air Force personnel, to include pilots, loadmasters and aerial port personnel, will be available to discuss their roles in OFL.

Media interested in attending this event must arrive at #5 Supply Gate by 12:15 p.m. 9 February. Contact MSgt. Terence Peck, U.S. Forces Japan Public Affairs by phone: 042-551-5924 or email: usfj_media@usfj.mil no later than 12 p.m. Wednesday, February 8 to confirm your attendance. Please remember to bring your passport and driver's license.